



Whole Grain-Rich Product Exemption for School Year 2018-2019

USDA memo SP-32-2017 allows State agencies to grant temporary exemptions from the whole grain-rich (WGR) requirements for school year (SY) 2018-2019 to School Food Authorities (SFAs) that can demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students. If you have questions on how to fill out this form please call Deb Egeland or Rhonda Amundson at 888-338-3663.

REMINDER: In the week(s) when a WGR-exempted item is offered, the SFA must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered that week are WGR.

SFA Name: <u>Starkweather</u>	LA Number: <u>36-004 36-044</u>
Grain Items to Exempt: <u>Whole Grain Pasta, Whole Grain Corn Dogs</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Hardship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFA records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered. The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s). 	
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Product Availability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily. 	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable Product Quality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time. 	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor Student Acceptability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time. 	
<p>Documentation that justifies the request must be submitted along with this completed form that demonstrates the need for a whole grain-rich exemption. A written justification is acceptable if it thoroughly describes the reason for the requested exemption. <u>People will not eat the whole grain pasta or the whole grain corn dogs</u></p>	
<p>Authorized Representative or Food Service Manager:</p> <p>If granted this exemption, you agree that at least half of the grain items offered weekly at meals will be whole grain-rich.</p>	
<u>Debbie Buechler</u> Printed Name	<u>Debbie Buechler</u> Signature
<div style="text-align: right;"> <u>8-14-18</u> Date </div>	
Email: <u>debbie.egeland@nd.gov</u>	Phone: <u>701-292-4341</u> <u>701-292-4341</u>
Return the completed form and supporting documentation by email to: degeland@nd.gov OR fax to 701-328-9566. Upon NDDPI-Child Nutrition approval, a copy of the waiver will be emailed to the person who signed this form.	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Reviewed By: <u>Deb Joel</u>	Date: <u>8-14-2018</u>
Comments:	